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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: Mark Vella et al. § Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/686,043 §
Filed: October 15, 2003 § Examiner: William P. Neuder
Title: Techniques And Systems § Docket No. 22.1512
Associated With § (SHL.0240US)
Perforation And The §
Installation Of Downhole §
Tools §

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2005

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 3, 7-9, 11-16 and 22-31 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: March 10, 2006
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.
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